

# March 2021 Newsletter



## Highlights

### PLSA 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

2022 will be the PLSA club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Stay tuned for more details regarding planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and celebration. Tom Schutz is collecting old memorabilia, hats, badges, press releases, photos, etc. Please contact Tom if you have any items to share for the anniversary.

### Sno-Trails Clubs Storage Building

The PLSA Club agreed and approved to move forward with the building of a storage facility for trail grooming equipment and signage. Currently this equipment is scattered across multiple club members properties. Many of these members are at an age that they may sell the land. The storage building will house all groomers, and equipment and well over 6000 signs. It will also have room for doing maintenance on the equipment. It will also centralize this equipment across the 4 Sno-Trails Clubs – Savage, Belle Plaine, Shakopee and Prior Lake. Scott County has offered the land for free and will allow the building to be put on the land behind Doherty's Tavern. The clubs will pay for the building, however the land will be tax free. Looking to get at least a 20-30yr lease agreement. The process is currently on hold.

### Board Member Nominations

The club will be voting on Board Members during the April Club Meeting. All board positions are open for nominations, and 1 Director Position is also open. If you'd like to nominate someone, please send your nominee to [priorlakesnow@gmail.com](mailto:priorlakesnow@gmail.com)

### VFW Steak Fry Volunteers for Apr 24th

Volunteers are needed for the VFW Steak Fry event on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be given 7 drink tokens and ½ meal paid for to work the steak fry! WE need a total of 8 people to sign up to help. Contact [priorlakesnow@gmail.com](mailto:priorlakesnow@gmail.com) if interested.

### Snowfall Guessing Game

For this season's Snowfall Guessing Game, the winner(s) will be announced at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## Upcoming Events

- **April 14<sup>th</sup> – Monthly PLSA Club Meeting –** 7:00pm, Charlie's Landing and Virtual
- **April 24<sup>th</sup> – Adopt A Highway Spring Cleanup** 9:00am, at the Holiday Station/Day Care Center Parking Lot on Cty Rd 42/Pike Lake Rd.
- **April 24<sup>th</sup> – VFW Steakfry – Volunteers Needed -** 4:00pm , Prior Lake VFW

### MnUSA and State Legislation Updates

Currently nothing is getting approved by legislation due to COVID and no one allowed in the capital. Trying to get Trespassing Fines increased, and trying to get rid of sales tax on stuff bought to sign trails. In the future, you won't need numbers on your sled, just the registration sticker. Minnesota is only 1 of 2 states left with numbers. Vintage sleds are considered any sled that is 25 years and older. MnUSA is looking to increase the number of years to 30, so we can continue to fund our trails.

Contact Terry Hutchinson for more details. ([snowman1049@gmail.com](mailto:snowman1049@gmail.com) )

### First to the Top of the World

A survival story that no one knows about. A group of Minnesota Snowmobile Riders...watch First To the Top Of The World (first to reach the North Pole on snowmobile) Watch the trailer and see the documentary streaming on Discovery+

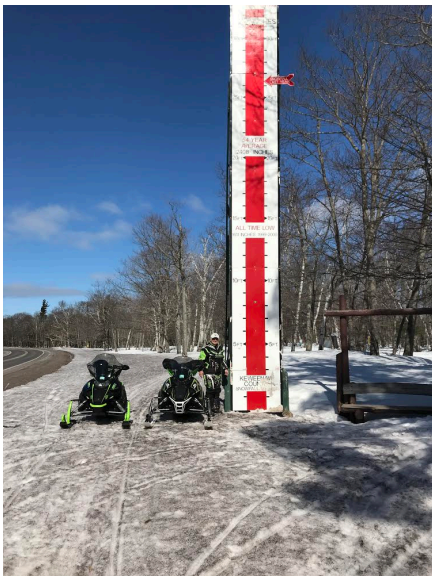
[First to the Top of the World Trailer](#)





### Trail Updates Newsletter from Explore Minnesota

Explore Minnesota produces a weekly newsletter containing updates on trails in Minnesota. You can sign up for the Winter Trails newsletter at this link. <https://www.exploreminnesota.com/info/minnesota-newsletters>



### About Sno-Trails

Sno-Trails is the non-profit organization that all 4 clubs in Scott County rolls up to. This includes Prior Lake, Savage Sno-Pacers, Belle Plaine Borough Riders and Shakopee's River Valley Trailblazers. The reason for the 'parent' non-profit is that the State of MN only allows one club per county to interact at the state level. How is Sno-Trails funded? When you register your snowmobile \$105 is used to fund Sno-Trails. We get 1% of the gas tax. Our regional area gets \$7-10MM from registration to manage Grant-in-aid Trails. The annual Sno-diac dinner is a fundraiser with 125 tickets sold at \$125 and is another source of income for Sno-Trails. Generates ~\$8,000 in revenue.

### Trail Updates – TRAILS ARE CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Follow the Prior Lake Snowmobile Association and Sno-Trails Facebook page for updates. Our website will be updated as well. Or call the Sno-Trails HOTLINE for local trail conditions: 952-440-1003

The Sno-Trails Association manages all the trails in Scott County and is a joint effort by the local clubs including Belle Plaine/Henderson Borough Riders, Prior Lake Snowmobile Association, River Valley Trailblazers and the Savage Sno-Pacers.

### Trail Access and Trailer Parking:

**Sand Point Beach** – 14349 Crest Ave, Prior Lake – **NOTE THIS HAS MOVED TO THE BOAT LANDING!**

**Tractor Supply** – 16907 Hwy 13 S, Prior Lake

**Louisville Swamp** – Minnesota River Trail – access off 169 by Renaissance Festival entrance. Look for signs south of Shakopee. The trail is closed south of Louisville swamp. See signs for details.

**Shakopee Bowl** – 3020 W 133<sup>rd</sup> St, Shakopee



### Website and Contact information

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### Club Officers (2020-2021)

**President:** Larry Shepard

**Vice President:** Kris Murray

**Secretary:** Diane Hoehne

**Treasurer:** Keeley Erickson

**Board of Directors;** Tom Laridaen

Jeff Petschl, and Don Wineland

**Sno-Trails Directors:** Paul Hartwig

Garth Gertner, Kurt Noisi